

# Multi-messenger Astrophysics with IceCube

**- Fermi's guiding light in  
neutrino astrophysics -**



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tion of TXS 0506+056 and coincident with a state of enhanced gamma-ray activity observed since April 2017 (23) by the Large Area Telescope (LAT) on the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope (24). Follow-up observations of the blazar led to the detection of gamma rays with energies up to 400 GeV by the Major Atmospheric Gamma Imaging Cherenkov (MAGIC) Telescopes (25, 26). IceCube-170922A and the electromagnetic observations are described in detail in (20). The significance of the spatial and temporal coincidence of the high-energy neutrino and the blazar flare is estimated to be at the  $3\sigma$  level (20). On the basis of this result, we consider the hypothesis

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### Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube, *Fermi*-LAT, MAGIC, *AGILE*, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., *INTEGRAL*, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool telescope, Subaru, *Swift*/*NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams\*†

Previous detections of individual astrophysical sources of neutrinos are limited to the Sun and the supernova 1987A, whereas the origins of the diffuse flux of high-energy cosmic neutrinos remain unidentified. On 22 September 2017, we detected a high-energy neutrino, IceCube-170922A, with an energy of  $\sim 290$  tera-electronvolts. Its arrival direction was consistent with the location of a known  $\gamma$ -ray blazar, TXS 0506+056, observed to be in a flaring state. An extensive multiwavelength campaign followed, ranging from radio frequencies to  $\gamma$ -rays. These observations characterize the variability and energetics of the blazar and include the detection of TXS 0506+056

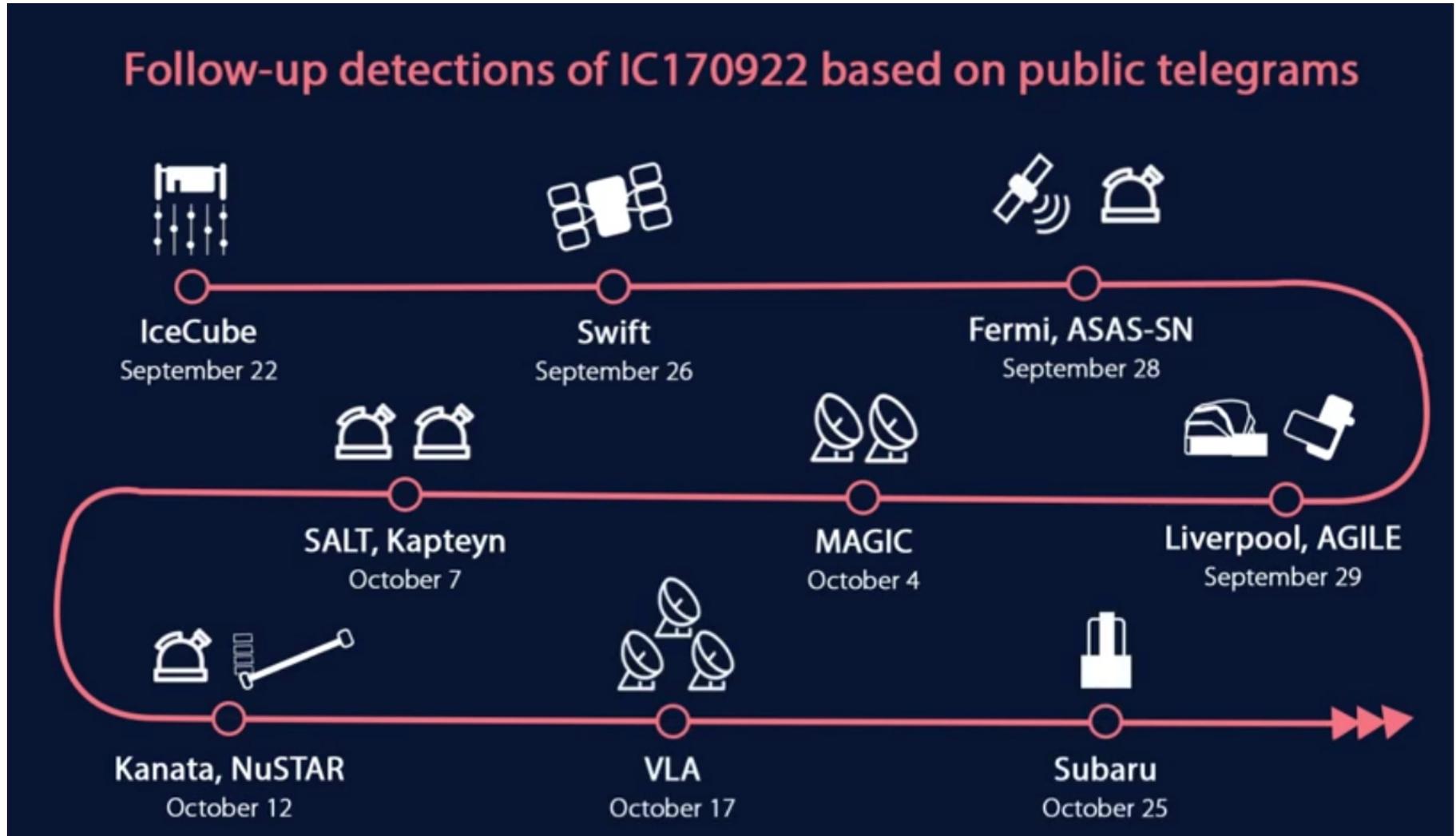
evaluated below, associating neutrino and  $\gamma$ -ray production.

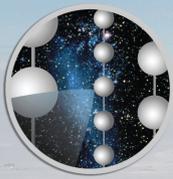
#### The neutrino alert

IceCube is a neutrino observatory with more than 5000 optical sensors embedded in 1 km<sup>3</sup> of the Antarctic ice-sheet close to the Amundsen Scott South Pole Station. The detector consists of 86 vertical strings frozen into the ice 125 m apart, each equipped with 60 digital optical modules (DOMs) at depths between 1450 and 2450 m. When a high-energy muon-neutrino interacts with an atomic nucleus in or close to the detector array, a muon is produced moving through the ice at superluminal speed and creating Cherenkov radiation detected by the DOMs. On 22 September 2017 at 20:54:30.43 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), a high-energy neutrino-induced muon track event was detected in an automated analysis that is part of IceCube's real-time alert system. An automated alert was distributed (17) to observers 43 s later, providing an initial estimate of the direction and energy of the event. A sequence of refined reconstruction algorithms was automatically started at the same time, using the full event information. A rene-



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# ICECUBE

SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY



## IceCube Laboratory

Data is collected here and sent by satellite to the data warehouse at UW-Madison



## Digital Optical Module (DOM)

5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice



## Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica

A National Science Foundation-managed research facility

50 m

IceTop

1450 m

2450 m

86 strings of DOMs,  
set 125 meters apart

IceCube  
detector

DeepCore

Antarctic bedrock

60 DOMs  
on each  
string

DOMs  
are 17  
meters  
apart

**Almost 8 years of full-detector data on our hands**

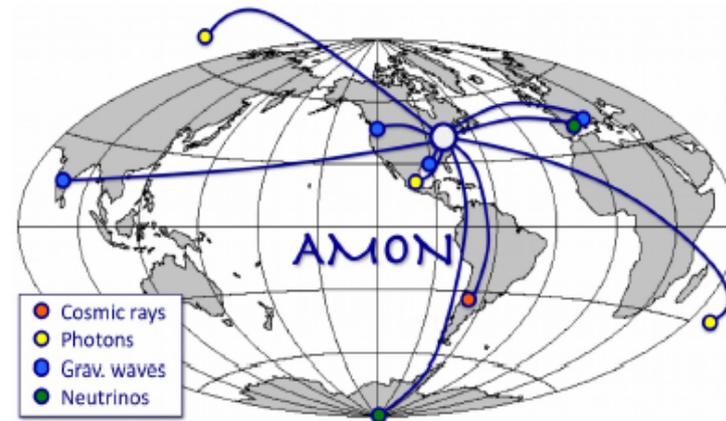
# IceCube's Realtime Efforts

## Individual MOU observatories:

- Swift XRT
- ZTF
- Magic Gamma Ray Telescope
- VERITAS
- HAWC
- HESS
- LIGO/VIRGO
- Murchison Widefield Array



## Networks & public alerts:



The Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network:  
FACT, VERITAS, MASTER,  
LMT, ASAS-SN, LCOGT

„The Astronomer's Telegram“



The **G**amma-ray **C**oordinates **N**etwork

# Alerts Currently “Online”

\* All alerts have latency < 3 min!

## Optical/X-ray Followups

Multiple neutrino candidate events from the same location around the same time  
→ Alert PTF / Swift XRT

## Gamma-ray Monitoring

Monitor for multiple neutrino candidate events from AGNs known to flare in gamma-rays  
→ Alert MAGIC / VERITAS

## GCN Issuing

GCNs are issued publicly when a high-energy event most likely to be a neutrino is observed, and the event has good pointing

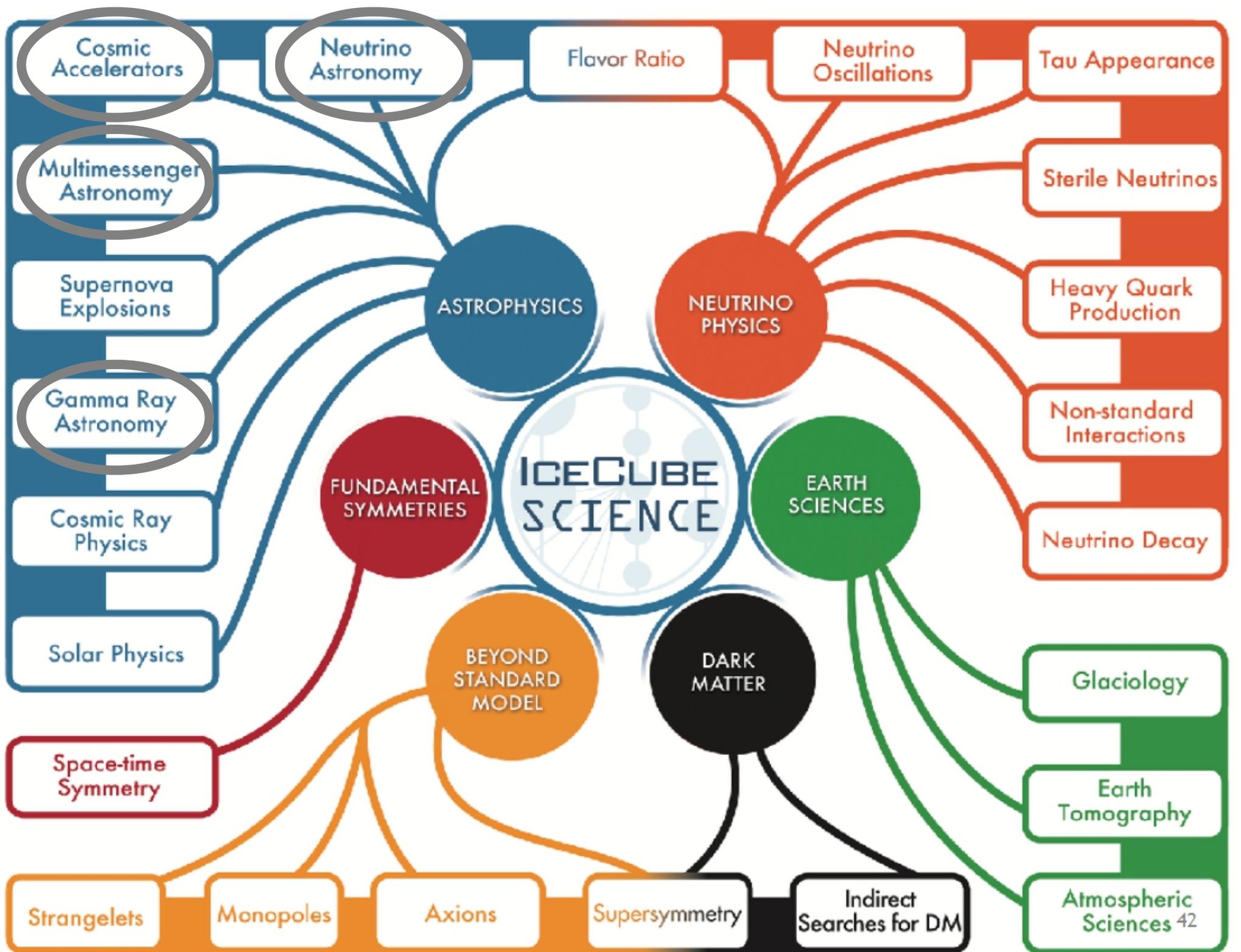
**IceCube Realtime v2.0 imminent!**

Updated event selection → double the alerts at the same signal-ness!

IceCube doesn't just wait for interesting single events and issue alerts!

### My personal lesson from TXS 0506+056

- Realtime alerts is absolutely crucial, but one neutrino event is still one event
- Neutrinos also need to be able to make a statement about a source to contribute to multi-messenger astronomy in a meaningful way!





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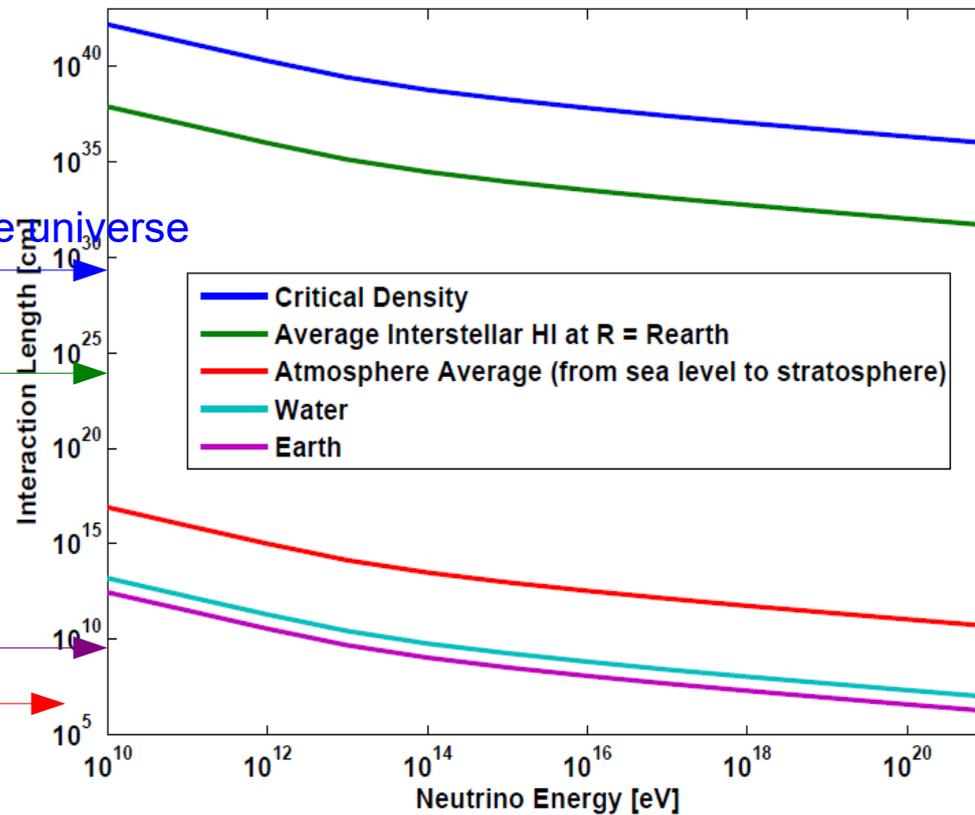
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[icecube.wisc.edu](http://icecube.wisc.edu)

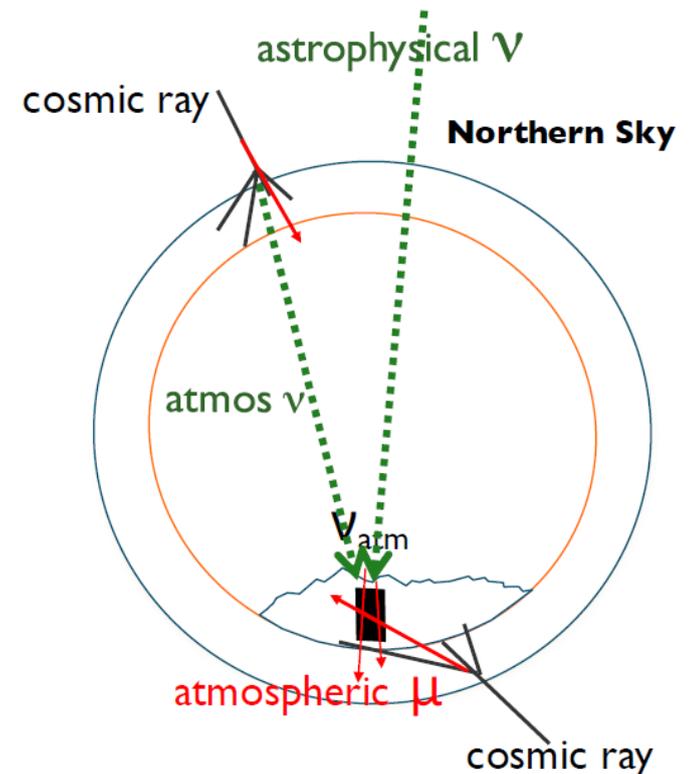
# Neutrino Astronomy – The Issues

## Issue 1: cross section

## Issue 2: backgrounds

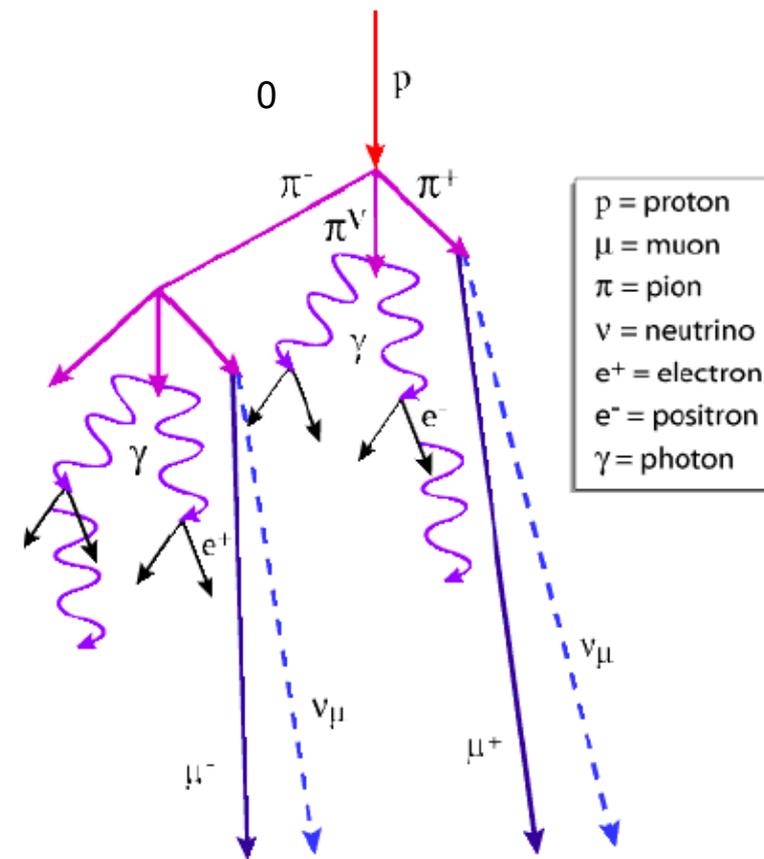


Cross section from **Gandhi et al., Phys. Rev. D 58 (1998) 093009**



# Fighting Backgrounds = atmospheric shower components

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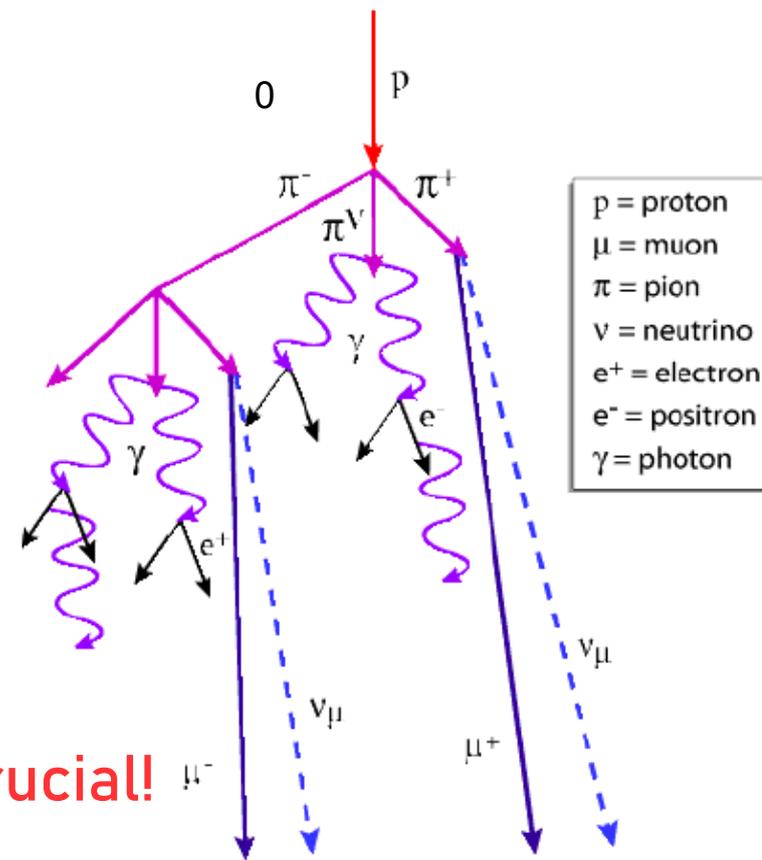


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**Fermi input is crucial!**



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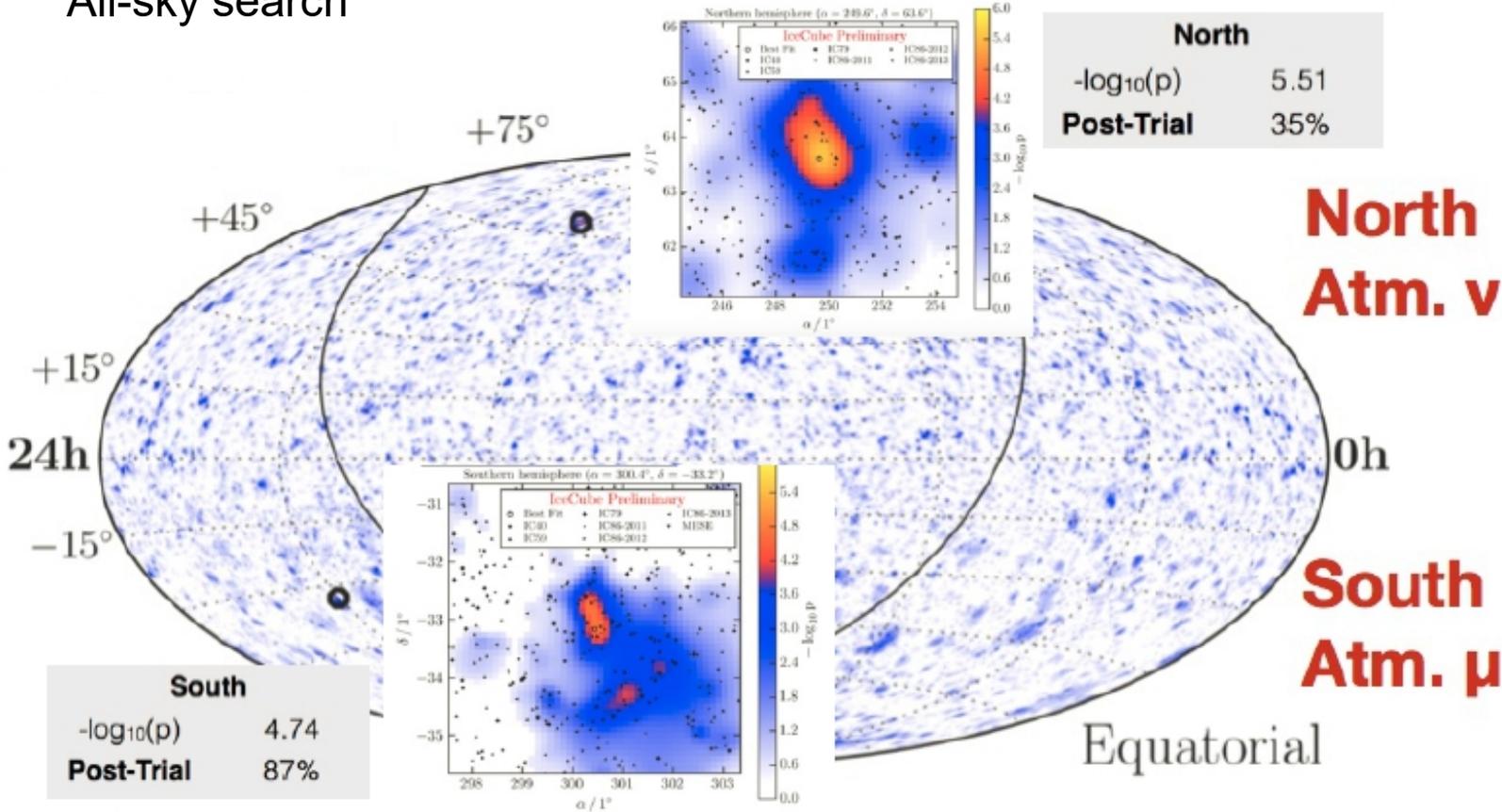


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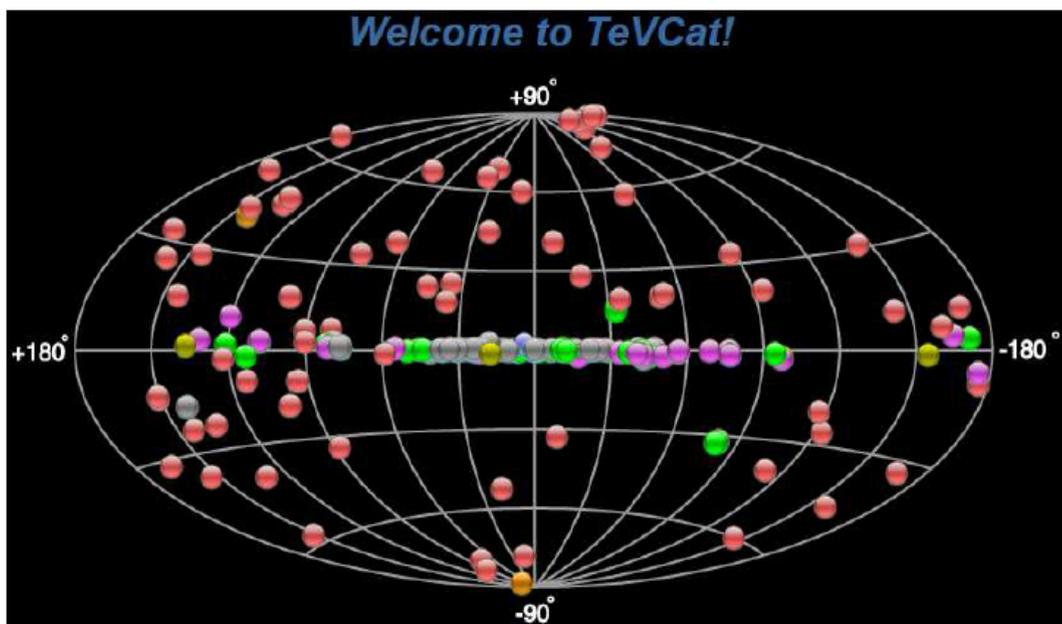
## Search for cluster: all-sky and around known sources

All-sky search



Time-integrated unbinned search of hot spots in 7 years of data (Astrophys.J. 835 (2017) no2, 151)

# Search for clustering around known sources



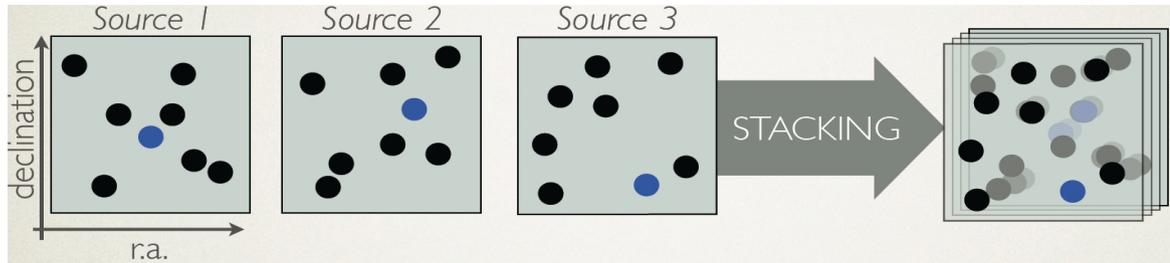
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Study our data at positions of  
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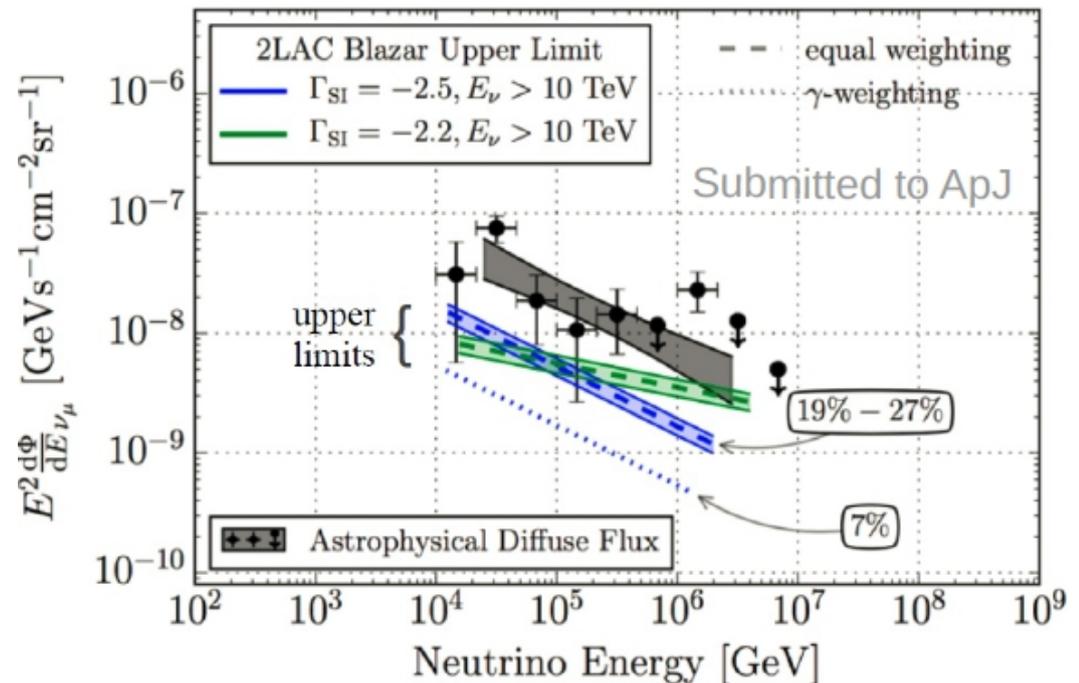
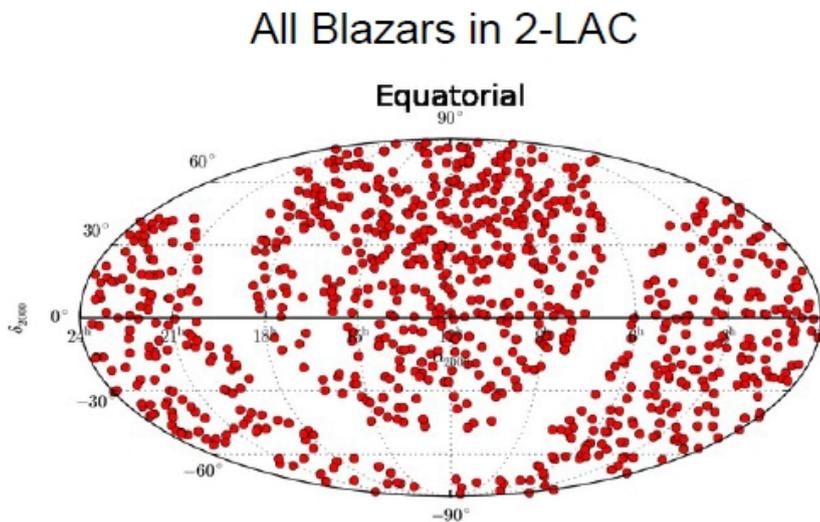
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# Point Source Analysis 2

## Stack the sources



Stacking of 862 Fermi 2LAC Blazars  
 Quasi-diffuse search ( $\sim 10\%$  of the sky at our angular resolution)



# Limits in terms of % of diffuse flux

Astrophys.J. 796:10 (,2014), ApJ, 805, L5 (2015)

		Upper limit in diffuse flux	notes
Blazars		~ 17%	862 from Fermi 2 <sup>nd</sup> AGN cat. Spectral index = -2.5
Nearby Starburst Galaxies		~ 8%	127 nearby Spectral index = -2
Galactic Sources	Young SNR	~ 5%	30 with no PWN or MC Spectral index = -2
	Young PWN	~ 3%	10 with no MC Spectral index = -2 → <b>Updated analysis Poster by Qinrui Liu!</b>
Galactic Plane		~14%	Fermi Diffuse $\gamma$ Spatial template Spectral index = -2.5 to -2.7
GRBs		~1%	506 bursts observed Spectral index = -2 to -2.7

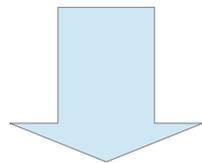


Some specific sources may be special enough for IceCube to see, but not as a source class under these assumptions  
→ what makes a source special?

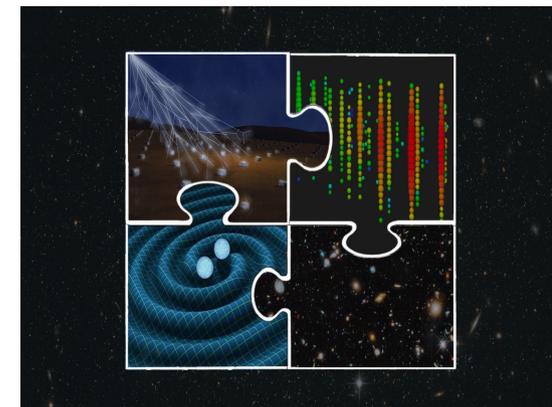
# We need to build a “neutrino catalog” of astronomical objects

- Realtime alerts important for multi-messenger astronomy
- Neutrinos need to make a statement by themselves too
- Only some sources are special – which ones? why?

How do neutrinos fit in with multimessenger astronomy to reveal sources and processes of the high energy universe?



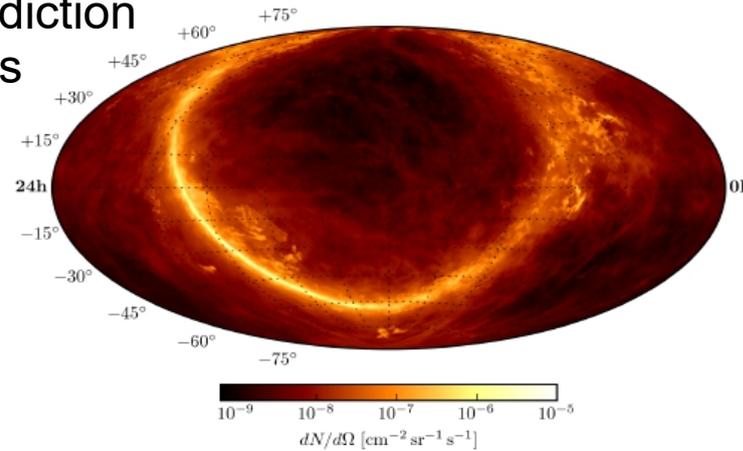
We need Fermi data to compare to!



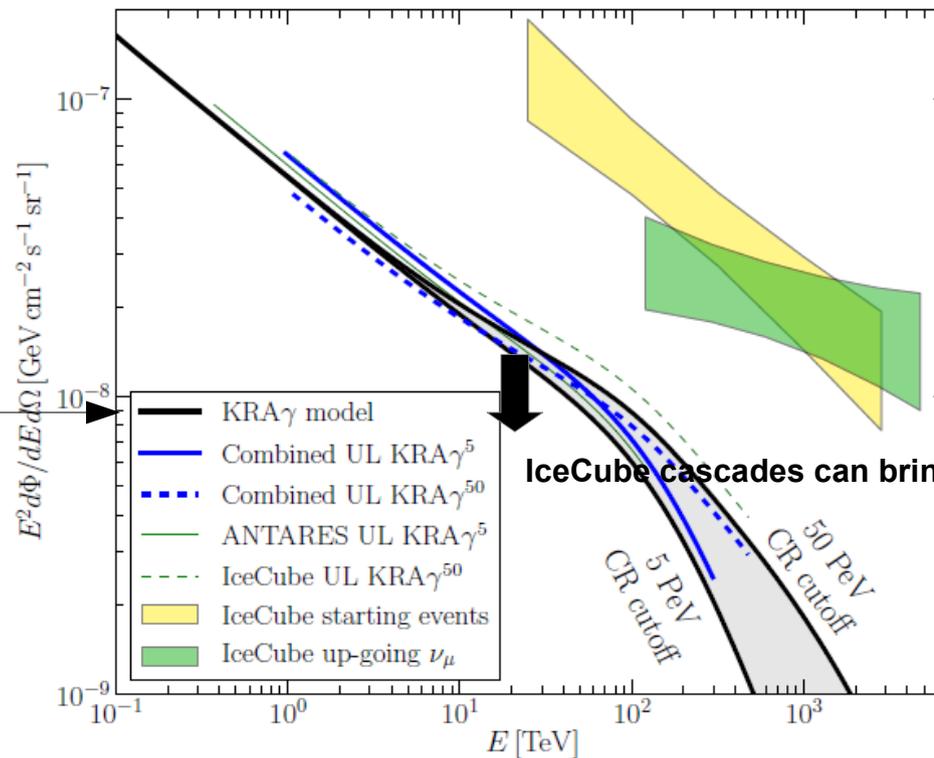
# Diffuse Galactic Plane Emission

IceCube (2018) arXiv:1808.03531

Diffuse galactic neutrino prediction  
based on Fermi observations



Gaggero, D., Grasso, D., Marinelli, A.,  
Urbano, A., & Valli, M. 2015, ApJ, 815, L2



Gaggero, D., Grasso,  
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IceCube cascades can bring it down by a further x2

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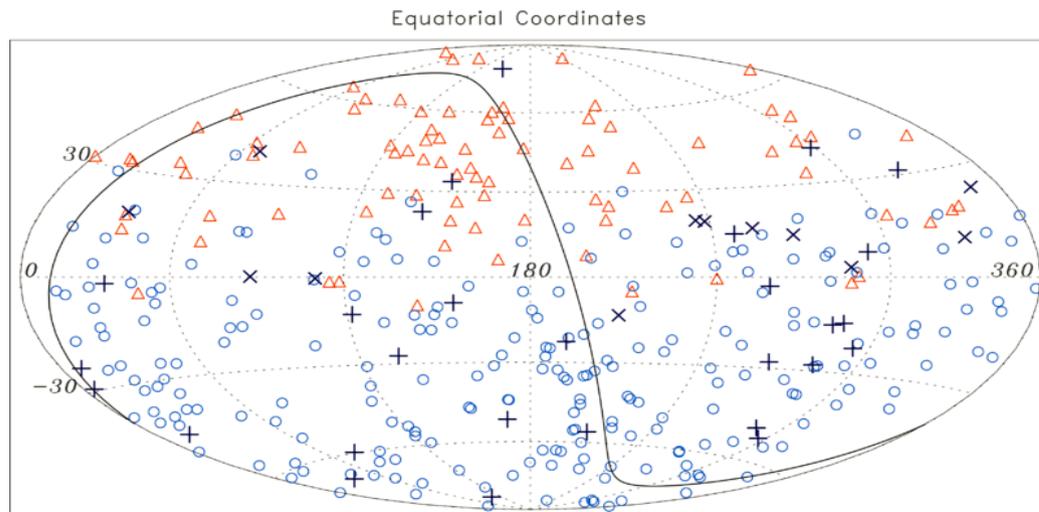
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# We need Fermi!

# Multi-Messenger Astronomy with Non-EM partners

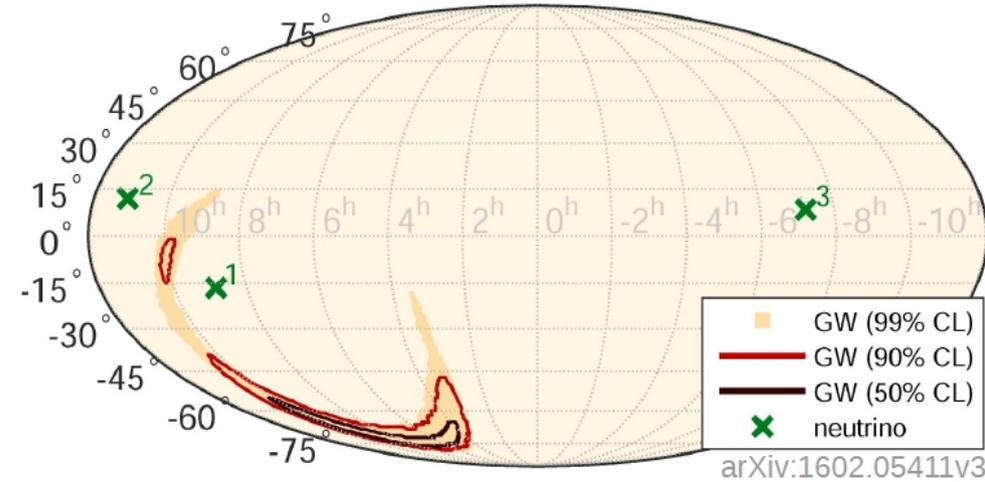
## Ultra-high Energy Cosmic Rays



x: IceCube tracks, +: IceCube cascades, o: Auger, Δ: TA  
JCAP 1601 (2016) 01, 037

Correlation study with highest energy events from Auger and TA  
No correlation beyond  $3.3\sigma$

## Gravity Waves



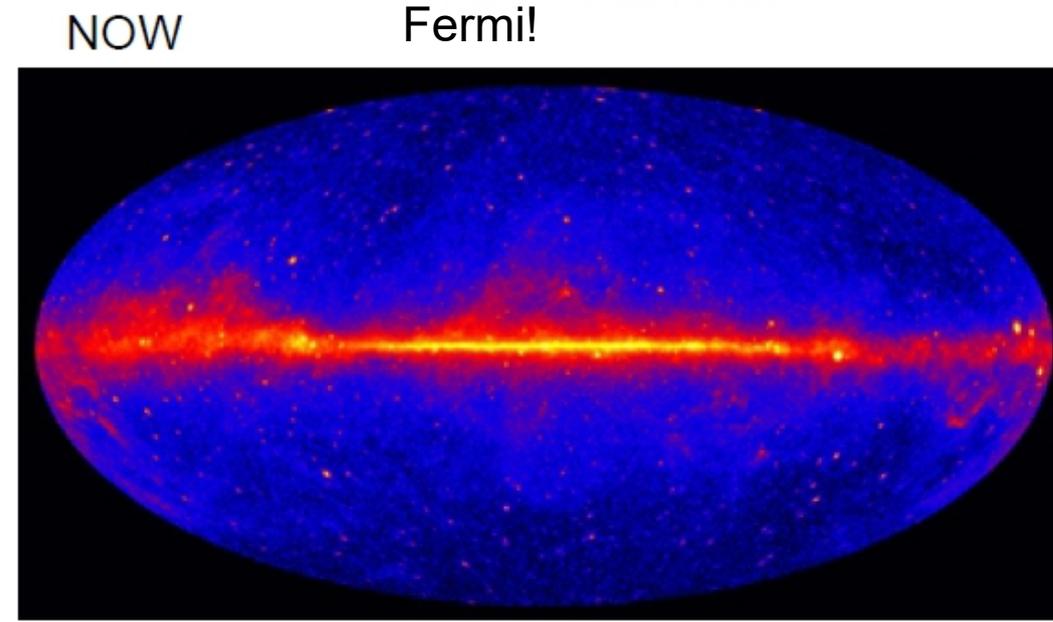
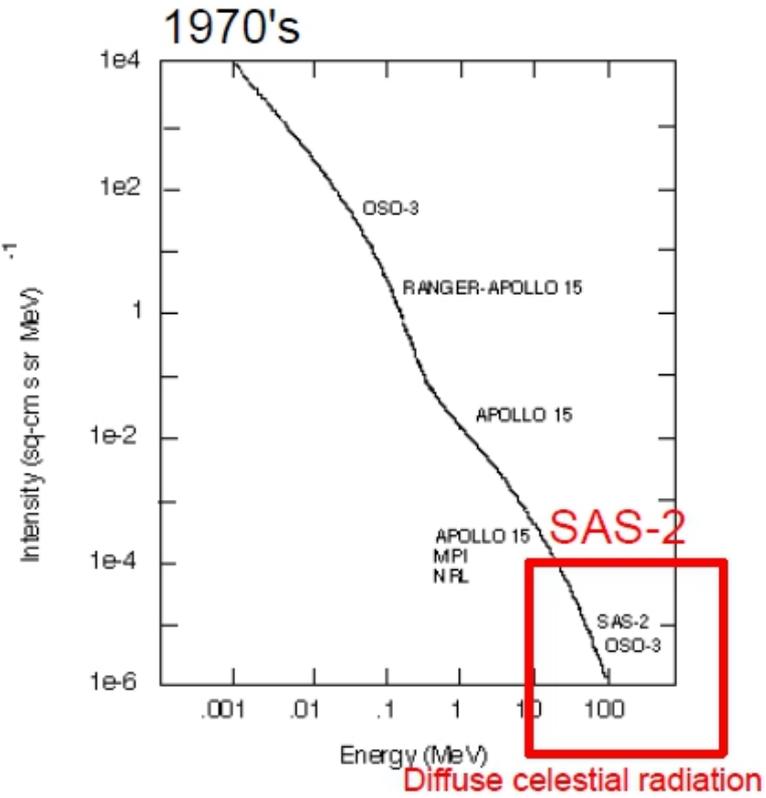
LIGO gravity signal and neutrino events within  $\pm 500$ s

# Alerts - what about the other way around?

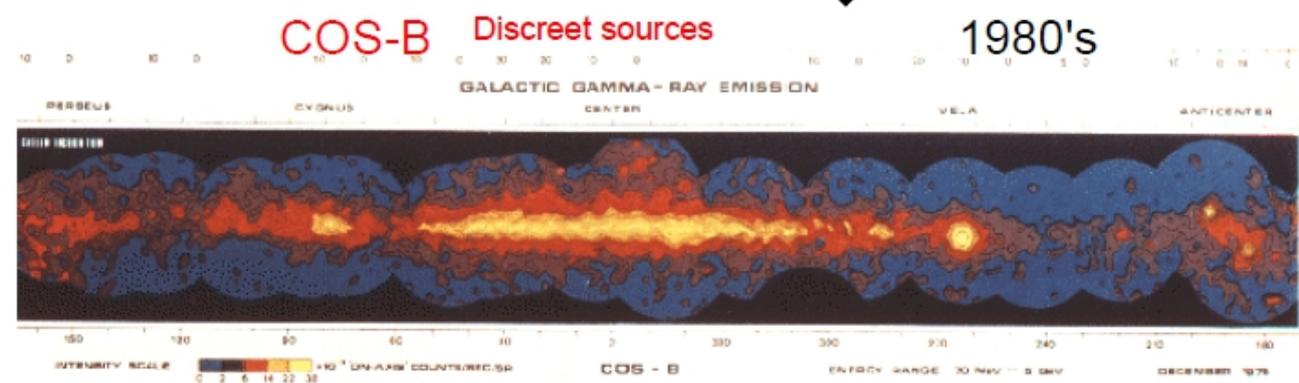
- When other messengers see interesting flares, we'd like to say if IceCube saw anything
- This has been a weak spot historically
  - IceCube is an all-sky observatory taking data 99.9% of the time. No urgency.
  - IceCube-issued alerts have algorithms running at the South Pole, they get “pushed” out. This requires us to “pull” data.
- We now have a mechanism for “fast flare analysis”
  - Data available ~ 1min, human decisions take longer
  - Discussions on how to disseminate results ongoing

# Historical Perspective: Gamma-ray Astronomy

Diffuse signal → first source → catalog!



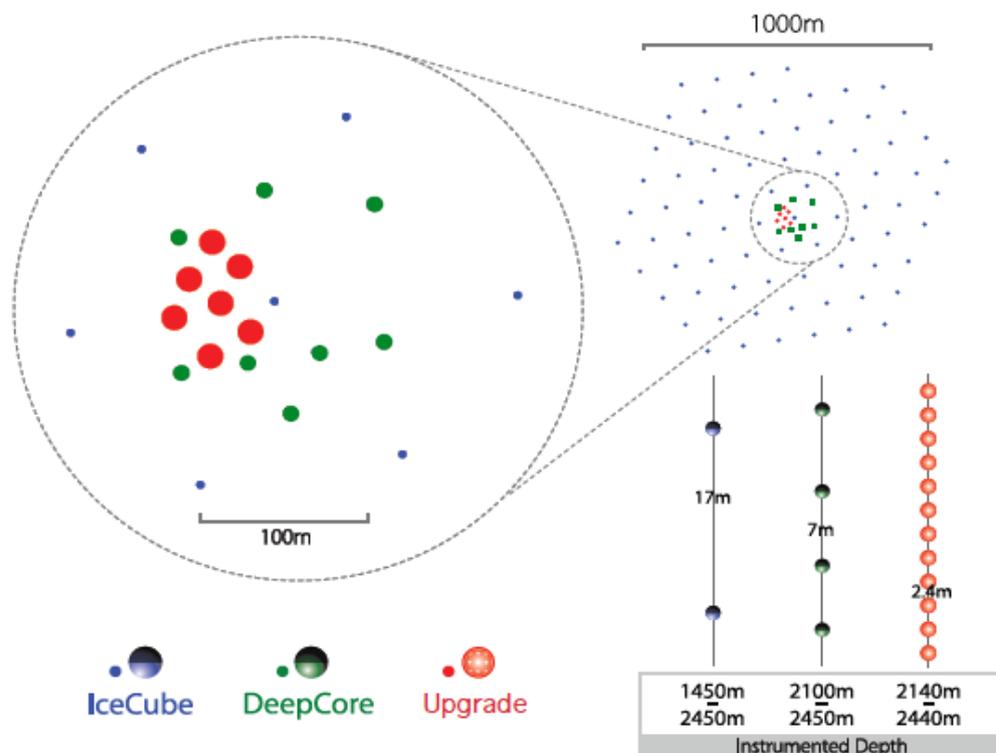
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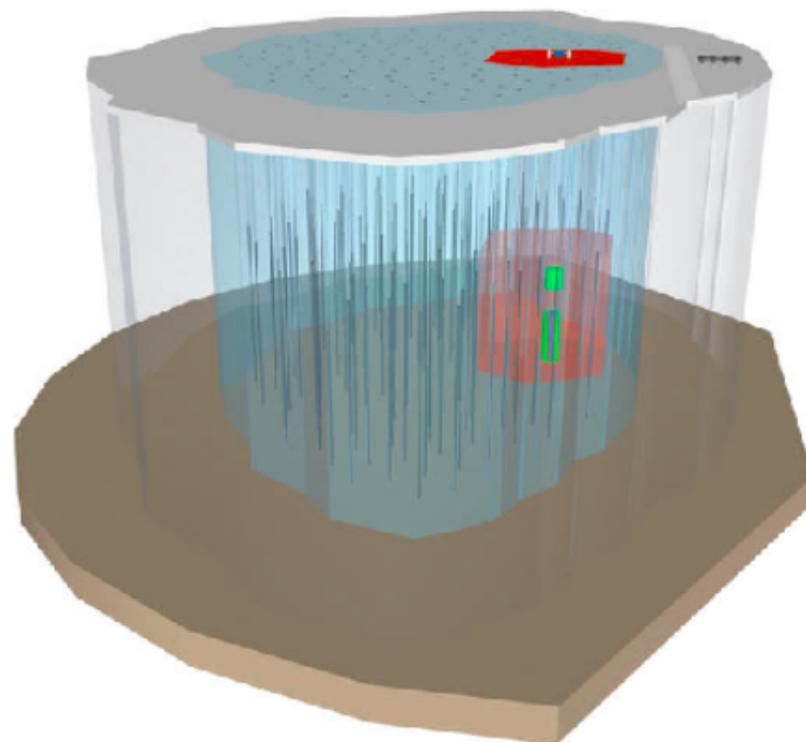
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# Future prospects

## The IceCube Upgrade



## IceCube Gen2



### Near Term

- Add 6-7 strings with > 800 advanced DOMs
- Advanced calibration devices
- Improved measurement of neutrino oscillations
- Improved angular resolution for neutrino astronomy

### Long Term

- ~8-10 larger volume than IceCube
- Larger samples of astrophysical neutrinos
- Radio neutrino detection and air shower detection/veto all under consideration

**Funding just approved!**

# A pitch for continued “special relationship” between Fermi and IceCube



- Our alerts give  $\sim 0.5$  degree error circle  $\rightarrow$  not great for deep follow-up observations
- Many (most) of the EM observatories need Fermi input for follow-up
- Many (most) of our non-realtime analyses need Fermi input
- We don't have a self-triggered  $5\sigma$  source.... yet
- But lets not forget, the upshot is huge here!  
As we have shown, together we can build the first catalog of neutrino sources, which is crucial in understanding the HE universe!